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THERE FOLLOW EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON GENERAL QUESTIONS CONTAINED PARA
TWO REFTEL AS REQUESTED:

(A) WE BELIEVE THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE LIABLE TO ARREST, HARASS-
MENT OR PERSECUTION ON THE BASIS OF FAMILIAL RELATION TO MEMBERS
OR PROMINENT SUPPORTERS OF HAILE SELASSIE REGIME OR ARISTOCRACY
TO CONSIDERABLE EXTENT. EMBASSY HAS REPORTED NUMEROUS SUCH
ARRESTS.

(B) FEARS OF PERSECUTION FOR CRITICIZING OR VERBALLY OPPOSING
MILITARY REGIME ARE WELL-FOUNDED. WE HAVE EXAMPLES OF NUM-
EROUS STREET ARRESTS OF INDIVIDUALS ON THESE GROUNDS.

(C) FEARS OF PERSECUTION ON PART OF ERITREANS, PARTICULARLY
SERVICEMEN KNOWN TO HAVE RELATIVES PARTICIPATING IN INSURGENCY
ARE, WE BELIEVE, ALSO WELL-FOUNDED. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE,
WE HAVE ALSO REPORTED ARRESTS OF MILITARY MEN, PARTICULARLY
IN AIR FORCE, ON GROUNDS SUSPECTED DISLOYALTY.

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